



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHOD OF MANAGING	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3 - 41 are now pending in the application. New claims 42 - 52 are sought to be added to further describe the claimed invention. Claim 38 is withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 12 - 31 have previously been withdrawn, and claim 2 has been canceled. The Amendment does not introduce new matter, and the entry is respectfully requested.